

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

*Please add the following new paragraph before the paragraph beginning on line 10 of page 26 of the specification:*

FIG. 2 is an example of a directory /joe and file /joe/foo. Each replica of joe stores three pointers to the gold replicas of foo. Each replica of foo keeps a backpointer to the parent directory. Bronze replicas are connected randomly to form strongly connected graphs. Bronze replicas also have uni-directional links to the gold replicas of the file, which are not shown in FIG. 2.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the 46 sheets of informal drawings with the enclosed 22 sheets of formal drawings. In Figure 2 the caption has been removed from the drawings.